

Davies takes a rest

BOBBY Davies, Wycombe Wanderers left back for the past three years, will not be playing at Loakes Park at the start of next season. He has decided to take a rest from football, because as he said this week, "I'm not enjoying it", writes **MICHAEL KNOX**.

Davies, who is only 25, said that his break would only be temporary, but could not say where or when he would play again. He did not rule out playing for Wanderers again but added that he was very uncertain about his future.

He explained his decision to take a break: "I've always played football to enjoy it and said that if I did not enjoy it, I would not play.

"I have not enjoyed it this season and as my contract was up I decided to have a change. So at the start of next season I will not be playing."

Davies gave two main reasons for his loss of enthusiasm. As a physical education instructor at Brenchwood School, Downley, he found it difficult to stir himself for midweek games, after a full day's exercise in the gym.

The other reason concerns his position on the field of play. He came to Wycombe as a right back, but because Paul Birdseye was the number one choice for that position, Davies was manufactured into a left sided player — and did a magnificent job at left back.

Not satisfied

But Davies himself was not satisfied. "I don't feel I have been reaching my potential at Wycombe because I've been playing out of position," he said.

He is still uncertain as to what the future will hold. Wycombe still retain his registration, so that if he does get the football bug again, he would have to get

their permission before moving elsewhere.

One man in no doubt as to what Davies should do is Blues' manager Andy Williams, who was clearly disappointed at the decision.

"I've told him that it is a tragic waste of talent. He ought to change his mind," said Mr Williams this week.

This decision came as Wycombe lost their final game of the season at home to Sutton United on Saturday to finish in sixth position, the lowest placing in the Isthmian League for 11 seasons. Blues went down 2-1 — the result in many Sunday papers said they won 7-2 — after leading 1-0 at half-time.

Mr Williams, who must strengthen his squad for next season, will be fielding a few new faces in the friendly match against F. A. Trophy winners Altrincham at Loakes Park next Friday. But he is unwilling to disclose their identities as yet.

A full review of Blues' season will appear in Midweek, published on Tuesday.



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